



PRODUCT INFORMATION

OXALIC ACID

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

OXALIC ACID is a concentrated granular organic acid commonly used in laundries as a sour and rust remover. Useful for neutralizing and removing industrial fallout on equipment and vehicles. OXALIC ACID is used as a bleaching agent for plywood and other light woods. An OXALIC ACID solution removes rust stains and dissolves ferric iron oxide films from lines, pipes, and equipment.

PROPERTIES:

Form:	Granular powder
Color:	White
Odor:	None
Activity:	100% OXALIC ACID
pH (1% solution)	1.65-1.75
Solubility	120 parts in 100 parts water at 120°F

USE DIRECTIONS:

For use as a laundry sour and rust remover, use 2 ounces per 100 pounds of dry weight cloth.

For use in industrial fallout removal and iron stain removal from equipment, prepare solution of 4 to 8 ounces of OXALIC ACID per gallon of warm water. Apply with sponge or mop. Rinse thoroughly.

For removing rust stains and iron oxide films from lines, prepare a 1 to 2% solution of OXALIC ACID (1 1/2 to 3 ounces/ gallon of water). Circulate through lines for 2-8 hours. Flush thoroughly with fresh water.

CAUTION: Contains Oxalates. May be fatal or harmful if swallowed. Wash thoroughly after handling. May cause eye or skin irritation or burns. For contact with skin or eyes, flush thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. For eyes, get prompt medical attention. Do not ingest. Consult the Material Safety Data Sheet for additional precautions.

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

PACKAGING:

55 lb. sack

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MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET
PRODUCT NAME: OXALIC ACID

N/A = NOT APPLICABLE
NA = NOT AVAILABLE

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1995

PREPARED BY: K Woods

DATE: August 31,

CHEMICAL FAMILY: Organic Acid

FORMULA: HOCCOOH•2H₂O

HAZARDOUS INGREDIENTS (CAS #):

%

EXPOSURE LIMITS, ppm

ACGIH TLV

OSHA-PEL

Oxalic acid (144-62-7)

More than 99.5%

1mg/M³

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CARCINOGENIC INGREDIENTS: Contains no known or suspected carcinogens

SARA TITLE III, SECTION 313 REPORTABLE INGREDIENTS: None

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Boiling Point: N/A

% Volatiles: N/A

Solubility in Water: 11.7% at 20°C

Vapor Density (Air = 1): N/A

Odor and Appearance: White crystalline powder; odorless

Vapor Pressure: N/A

FIRE AND EXPLOSION DATA:

Flash Point: None

Flammability Limits: N/A

Extinguishing Media: Water, CO₂ foam, dry chemical

Special Firefighting Procedures: None

Unusual Hazards: None

HEALTH EFFECTS:

Effects of overexposure: May cause eye or skin irritation or burns. Ingestion may be harmful or fatal. Ingestion may cause irritation or burns to mouth, throat, and esophagus. Inhalation of dust may cause irritation to the mucous membranes.

Chronic effects of overexposure: None known or expected

Medical conditions that may be aggravated by exposure: None known or expected

Primary routes of entry: Ingestion, skin contact, inhalation of dust

EMERGENCY AND FIRST AID PROCEDURES:

Eye Contact: Flush thoroughly with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. See a physician immediately.

Skin Contact: Flush thoroughly from skin with water. If irritation persists, see a physician.

Ingestion: Drink plenty of water and call a physician immediately. DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Give milk or milk of magnesia if available.

Inhalation of mist or vapor: Move to fresh air. Administer oxygen if breathing is difficult.

REACTIVITY DATA:

Stability: Stable

Hazardous Polymerization: Will not occur.

Incompatibility: Strong oxidizers

Hazardous Decomposition Products: Thermal decomposition produces formic acid, carbon dioxide

Conditions to Avoid: High heat, moisture

SPILL OR LEAKAGE PROCEDURES:

Steps to be taken if material is released or spilled: Sweep up and place in a closed container.

Waste disposal method: According to local, state, or federal ordinances.

SPECIAL PROTECTION INFORMATION:

Ventilation: No special ventilation required.

Respiration Protection: None required under normal use. If dusty, wear a dust mask or NIOSH approved respirator.

Eye Protection: Safety goggles or glasses are recommended, especially in dusty areas.

Protective Gloves: Impervious gloves are recommended.

Other Protective Equipment: None required.

SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS:

Precautions to be taken in handling and storage: Store in closed container in a dry place. Wash thoroughly after handling.

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

Other precautions: None

HAZARD RATING:

Health: 1

0 = Minimal

3 = Serious

Fire: 0

1 = Slight

4 = Severe

Reactivity: 0

2 = Moderate